likely to be given during 1992 in Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Domestic Connections... 33,750 (approx.)

Non-Domestic Connections ... 220 (approx.)

(b) While no waiting list is maintained for non-domestic category, there is a waiting list of 6·37 lakhs (approx) for domestic connections in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) New LPG connections are released in a phased manner subject to availability of LPG.

Fire incident in oil refineries

2191. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any incident of fire in oil Refineries/L.P.G. bottling plants during 1991-92 and till date ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total loss due to fire incident ; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to check the recurrence of such fire incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Out of the 28 fire incidents in the refineries reported during the year 1991-92 and till date, 24 were of minor nature involving negligible loss or damage. Details of four major fires in the refineries are given in the statement (*see* below). No fire has been reported from LPG bottling plants during this period.

(c) A multi-pronged approach is adopted to avoid recurrence of fire incidents. Improved reporting systems, root cause analysis of all fire incidents, safety audits, periodic review of safety standards upgrading plant reliability through technical improvements, constant re-training of personnel, sharing of experience amongst refineries, learning and updating from published sources are some of the measures adopted in this area. All refineries are fully equipped with modern fire fighting equipment and systems to effectively control fire incidents.

Statement

The details of four major fires are as under :

(i) On May 29, 1991 at HPC Refinery, Vizag one of the Naphtha tanks caught fire resulting in a loss of about Rs. 35 lakhs.

(ii) On June 28, 1991 at HPC Refinery, Bombay, the propane dewaxing Unit, caugh fire resulting in an estimated loss of equipment and piping worth Rs. 1600 lakhs.

(iii) On January 28, 1992 at BRPL Refinery in the Decoker Unit, fire took place causing damage to the instrumentation and electrical systems worth of Rs. 12 lakhs.

(iv) On May, 5, 1992 at MRL Refinery during start up of the Crude Distillation Unit, there was a fire causing damage to the insulation, instrumens cables worth about Rs. 5 lakhs. Tere were no casualities in these cases.

कच्चे तेल का आयात

2192. डा० अबरार अहमद) : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के दौरान इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा कितनी मात्रा में

कच्चे तेल का आयात किया गया और उसका मूल्य कितना था तथा उन फर्मों और कंपनियों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिनके माध्यम से इसका आयात किया गया;

(ख) इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा तेल के आयात के लिए क्या तरीका अपनाया जाता है और यदि कारपोरेशन ने इस उद्देश्य के लिए कुछ फर्मों इत्यादि का पंजीकृत किया है, तो उनके नाम क्या-क्या हैं और वे कब से पंजीकृत हैं और प्रत्येक के माध्यम से कितनी मात्रा में तेल का आयात किया गया और उनके मूल्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) तेल के आयात के लिए इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन के पास किसी नई कंपनी अथवा फर्म का पंजीकृत करवाने की क्या प्रक्रिया है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन ने वर्ष 1991 के दौरान तेल उत्पादक देशों की राष्ट्रीय तेल कंपनियों के साथ आवधिक संविदाओं के तहत तथा स्पाट बाजार दोनों ही माध्यम से करीब 24.028 मि.मी. टन क्रूड तेल का आयात किया जिसका अनुमानित मूल्य 7600 करोड़ रुपए है। आई ओ सी के पास पंजीकृत पार्टियों की निविदा क्रूड तेल की स्पाट खरीद इन्क-वाइरीज के जरिए की जाती है। ऐसी कोई पार्टी, जो क्रूड तेल की उत्पादक/प्रत्यक्ष आपूर्तिकर्ता है, पंजीकरण के लिए आई ओ सी को आवेदन कर सकती है जिसके आवेदन पर उसकी वित्तीय स्थिति, तेल कारोबार से संबंधित ट्रैक रिकार्ड तथा बैंक संदर्भों आदि के आधार पर विचार किया जाता है।

MOU signed by Oil India Ltd.

2193. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding for 1992-93 has been signed between Oil India Limited and his Ministry on the 14th July, 1992 ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the targets to be achieved by Oil India Limited in the fields of drilling, sales, of gas LPG production, seismic surveys etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Memorandum of Understanding for 1992-93 between Oil India Ltd. and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was signed on 15th June. 1992.

(b) The MOU envisages achieving the following targets by Oil India Ltd., during 1992-93 :—

	Unit	Target for 1992-93
(i) Seismic Surveys		
3D	sq. km.	100
2D	GLKM	1250
2D	SLKM	2800
(ii) Drilling	'000 mtrs.	146
(iii) Crude oil production	MMT	2.92
(iv) LPG Production	'000 tonnes	50
(v) Gas sales	MMSCM	750

Waiting list for L.P.G. connections in Nagpur

2194. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections for domestic use in Nagpur city.